



University of Lynchburg

Westover Alumni Weekend April 17-19, 2026

Classes of 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976*, and 1981* are in reunion.

*Classes of 1976 & 1981 have elected to celebrate in the fall during Homecoming, but are still welcome to attend Westover Weekend.

[Register here!](#)

Hornet Shop Hours:

Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For questions or to help plan, please email alumni@lynchburg.edu

Friday, April 17

Time	Topic
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Daura Museum of Art Unfortunately, the main galleries are closed while they are changing exhibits. You are welcome to view the student, Student Juried Exhibition, and the Student Scholar Showcase in the Lobby Gallery.

Noon – 5:30 p.m.

Registration

Outside of the West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center

If able, please check in at registration. If you are arriving on campus after registration closes, please know there will be a check-in at each event. There will also be registration on Saturday from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Noon – 5:30 p.m.

Reunion Space

Foyer, West Room(3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center

The Foyer of the West Room will be available for anyone wanting to gather with friends in a space on campus. There is no formal programming here during this time.

3 – 4 p.m.

State of the University

West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center

Please join Price Jett, vice president of finance & operations services and chief financial officer, and Daniel Hall, vice president & chief of staff, for updates on accreditation, financial status, new programs, and other matters.

4– 6 p.m.

Academic Awards Mixer

Balcony, Hall Campus Center

Join us on the balcony of Hall Campus Center to celebrate the student winners of the Academic Awards with their families, professors, and alumni. All are welcome. Light appetizers will be served with a cash bar.

4:30 – 7 p.m.

Dinner in the Cafe

Burton Dining Hall, Drysdale Student Center

Go through the line, enjoy the cafeteria, and see how it's changed since you were a student. Pay \$11 at the door. We have the East Room reserved if you'd like to sit and eat with classmates.

6 – 8 p.m.

Academic Awards Ceremony

Memorial Ballroom, Hall Campus Center

Watch current students receive Academic Awards in the Memorial Ballroom. Note, there will not be food at this event.

6 – 9:30 p.m.

Welcome Home - Westover Society Reception

West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center

Join us in the West Room in Drysdale Student Center for heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. All classes are welcome to join, especially 1971 who is celebrating their 55th Reunion. \$30 per person.

[Advanced registration required.](#)

Saturday, April 18

Time	Topic
8 – 10 a.m.	<p>Registration <i>Outside of the West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i></p> <p>If able, please check in at registration. If you are arriving on campus after registration closes, please know there will be a check-in at each event.</p>
All day	<p>Reunion Space <i>Foyer of West Room, East Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center</i></p> <p>The Foyer of the West Room will be available for anyone wanting to gather with friends in a space on campus. There is no formal programming here during this time.</p>
10 a.m.	<p>Percy Wootton Research Center & Owen Cardwell Center for Leadership Dedication <i>Sydnor Performance Hall, Schewel Hall</i></p> <p>Please join us for a ceremony honoring the newly named Percy Wootton Research Center, in honor of Dr. Percy Wootton '53, '98 DSc as well as the Owen Cardwell Center for Leadership in memory of Dr. Owen C. Cardwell, Jr.</p> <p>*NEW TIME as of March 3*</p>

10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Brunch in the Cafe

Burton Dining Hall, Drysdale Student Center

Go through the line, enjoy the cafeteria and see how it's changed since you were a student. Pay \$11.50 at the door. If you'd prefer we have the East Room reserved for you to dine in.

11:30 a.m.

Service of Remembrance

Sydnor Performance Hall, Schewel Hall

Interfaith Chaplain Jer Bryant '03, '10 MA, will conduct a short remembrance service for Westover Society members who have passed. There will be a time to share any fond memories of the deceased if you'd like to participate.

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Noon – 4 p.m.

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1 – 2 p.m.

Student Research Presentations

West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center

Caroline Edmondson '26

The Effects of SSRI Drugs and Gender on Mental Health Views and Medication Adherence

Megan Stiffler '26

Scrambling Risk to Create Resistance: Sexuality in *The Fault in Our Stars*

Matthew Viscuso '29 & Dr. Tim Meinke

Why Do the States Make Different Choices on Welfare Policy?

Abigail Johnson '26 & Dr. David Frier

Macrophages and Inflammation

2 – 3 p.m.

Presentation by Larry Miller '71

West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center

Join us to hear Larry Miller '71 share his journey to becoming an author.

3:15

Class Photos

West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center

If you are in a reunion year (1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, and 1981) please join us for your class photo. Alumni from other classes are also welcome to join for any other group photos.

3:45 – 5:45 p.m.

The Apollo Program: The Missions, the Men, and the Machines presented by Robert Lipscomb '89

West Room (3rd floor), Drysdale Student Center

Following President Kennedy's statement to a joint session of Congress in May 1961, NASA and the nation began the long process of landing a man on the moon by the end of the decade. On July 20, 1969, this goal was met with the successful landing of Apollo 11's Eagle at Tranquility Base. Although Apollo 11 is the best-known of the Apollo-era space missions, NASA conducted 14 other flights that included five additional moon landings, a manned space station, and the first-ever joint USA and Soviet Union space flight. This presentation will review the missions, the men, and the machines that made this program one of history's most extraordinary accomplishments.

Robert Lipscomb is a 1989 graduate of Lynchburg College (now the University of Lynchburg) with a degree in education. He pursued a career in public safety and retired in January 2023. A lifelong student of history, Lipscomb has pursued this interest professionally and personally, authoring a book on the history of the Lynchburg Fire Department and documenting its line-of-duty deaths. He enjoys restoring antique automobiles, researching family genealogy, and building scale models. He currently serves on local nonprofit boards and advisory committees, including the LIFE@Lynchburg Curriculum Committee.

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5 – 6 p.m.

Hornet Reception

Balcony, Hall Campus Center

Join us for a cash bar to mingle with classmates and friends! Come get a drink before the Alumni Awards & Westover Society Dinner if you arrive early!

6 – 8:30 p.m.

Alumni Awards & Westover Society Dinner

Memorial Ballroom, Hall Campus Center

Join us to reminisce and celebrate alumni and friends receiving an alumni award. The ceremony and dinner will be held in the Memorial Ballroom in Hall Campus Center. All are welcome to join. \$45 per person. [Please register by April 5, 2026](#). Award recipients include:

T. Gibson Hobbs Memorial Award

Dr. Oneal C. Sandidge '78

Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Tanmay Acharia '24 DMSc

Mr. Thomas L. Cassidy '73

Mrs. Shawn C. Lipscomb '90, '13 MEd, '25 MEd

Dr. Kristy N. Somerville-Midgette '00, '05 MEd

Dr. Derrick L. Thompson '08

John G. Eccles Leadership Award

Mr. Jacob A. Clavijo '26

Kenneth R. Garren Award

Ms. Jenna Frazer '25, '27 MEd

M. Carey Brewer Alumni Award

Dr. Jennifer A. Jewell '10

Honorary Alumni Award

Dr. Robert L. Canida

Ms. Sarah M. Rhodes

Sunday, April 19

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10:30 - 2 p.m.	Brunch in the Cafe <i>Burton Dining Hall, Drysdale Student Center</i> Go through the line and enjoy the cafeteria and see how it's changed since you were a student. Pay \$11.50 at the door.
11 a.m.	Men's Tennis vs. Virginia Wesleyan <i>EC Glass High School</i> <i>2111 Memorial Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24501</i>
11 a.m.	Women's Tennis vs. Virginia Wesleyan <i>EC Glass High School</i> <i>2111 Memorial Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24501</i>
TBA	Men's Golf ODAC Championship <i>Poplar Grove Golf Club</i> <i>129 Tavern Ln, Amherst, VA 24521</i>